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SUBJECT: ITALIAN-CHILEAN RELATIONS

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1. RELEVANT TO POINTS DISCUSSED REFTELS, EMBASSY RECENTLY RECEIVED ROUTINE NOTE FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO STATING THAT GOC FONOFF "HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE ACCREDITATION OF SR. TOMASO DE VERGOTTINI, FIRST COUNSELOR OF THE EMBASSY, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HE HAS BEEN PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE ITALIAN MISSION."

2. BY THIS MOVE, GOC HAS REGULARIZED TO A MINIMAL EXTENT STATUS OF ITALIAN EMBASSY AND DE VERGOTTINI, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REGARDED BY GOC AS "DIPLOMATIC TOURIST" SINCE HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR FORMAL DIPLOMATIC ACCREDITATION. DE VERGOTTINI SAYS HE IS RECOGNIZED AS CHARGE AD INTERIM, NOT AS A CHARGE IN PERMANENT STATUS (LIKE A NUMBER OF OTHERS HERE), BUT AGREES ONE HURDLE HAS BEEN PASSED.

3. DE VERGOTTINI REPORTS THAT ARRANGEMENTS TO SEND ABROAD OVER 200 ASYLEES RESIDENT IN ITALIAN EMBASSY ARE AT A STAND-STILL. CHILEAN JUDGE WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO ENTER EMBASSY TO MAKE INQUIRIES REGARDING CASE OF LUMI VIDELA, WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND IN EMBASSY SOME WEEKS AGO (SANTIAGO 6670),
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HAS GONE ON VACATION FOR SON'S WEDDING AND HAS NOT TURNED UP

AT EMBASSY. MOREOVER, GOC HAS THUS FAR REFUSED TO PERMIT ANY OF THE ASYLEES TO LEAVE THE EMBASSY, EVEN THOUGH 70 HAVE BEEN GIVEN SAFE CONDUCTS, ON THE GROUND THAT SOME OF THOSE CONCERNED HAVE GIVEN FALSE IDENTITIES.

4. DE VERGOTTINI BELIEVES THAT SUMMARY EXPULSION FROM CHILE OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER RENAN FUENTEALBA LAST WEEK HAS FURTHER SET BACK PROSPECTS FOR ANY IMPROVEMENT IN ITALIAN-CHILEAN RELATIONS. HE NOTES THAT NEW MORO GOVERNMENT IS PREDOMINANTLY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC, AND THAT ITALIAN DEMOCRATS ARE INTENSELY INTERESTED IN FATE OF THEIR CHILEAN COLLEAGUES.
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